

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert C. McFarlane
The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: National Space Strategy

1. The Intelligence Community fully supports the President's goal of a more vigorous US Space Program. This will be reflected in the FY 1985 NFIP budget submitted to the President. Attached is our response to Judge Clark's 4 October 1983 memorandum which asked for additional information to support the formulation of a National Space Strategy. [redacted]

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2. Our previous responses to earlier [redacted] associated tasks contained programs and proposals which have our continuing support and which continue to be valid. Additionally, this response expands on our basic intelligence space program objectives to include program specific information. This response also addresses, at the level of our current understanding, the other specific study topics identified in Judge Clark's 4 October 1983 memorandum. [redacted]

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3. Several of these studies have been completed, but decisions on implementation that could have program planning and budget impacts on the intelligence space program have not been made. More specifically, we note that requirements for intelligence capabilities for nuclear warfighting, which are being developed and refined under the Nuclear Weapons Master Plan, could impact the NFIP. While less defined at this time, the Defense Against Ballistic Missiles study could also have an impact on the NFIP. We, therefore, recognize the potential requirement for major changes in intelligence support that could arise from a Presidential decision to implement a major element of either or both of these proposed programs. On the other hand, the Intelligence Community position on the issue of a Manned Space Station remains as presented in our 18 August memorandum: We strongly recommend to the President that he defer a commitment to the Space Station pending additional definition of requirements, costs and risk. Although intelligence uses for a Manned Space Station may emerge in the future, we would place our priority at

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this time on other urgently needed enhancements in the space intelligence programs to provide greater survivability; counter Soviet cover, concealment and deception; and to provide collection against evolving targets which are technically advanced, mobile, and present different collection opportunities and problems. A Space Station decision should be made within the context of overall national needs and its direct contribution to national objectives.

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4. New, innovative initiatives available for implementation in the FY 1985 NFIP would provide features which would produce more responsive and timely information of better quality in the face of an increasingly more difficult collection environment. Those space programs, which are ready for development now, are reviewed in Section II of our response. This section illustrates the scope and character of the proposed FY 1985 intelligence space program at the DCI guidance level while implicitly indicating the resultant impacts should actual funding be less than guidance level. Based upon my careful and reasoned discussions with the Intelligence Community, the NFIP Program Managers, and the Secretary of Defense, we look forward to an FY 1985 NFIP which is an aggressive program in space and a balanced program between space and non-space elements such as vitally needed HUMINT and production. I would appreciate your personal support and active involvement in our efforts to realize the funding profile necessary to achieve this aggressive program in response to the President's guidance.

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5. In addition to our support for these new initiatives in space, we continue to believe that it is important for the US to maintain a vigorous intelligence space security program as well as a program to control transfer of technology to the Soviet Union.

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6. Judge Clark's memorandum indicated that the National Space Strategy will be prepared for the President containing direction to the Executive Branch on priorities, budgets, and organizations. Considering the potential major impact on all space sectors, we feel that it would be useful to employ the SIG (Space) to review and coordinate the basic strategy document and any NSDDs prior to their going to the President. Judge Clark's memorandum also indicated that the President may wish to include major space-related information in his speeches or the annual State of the Union message to the nation. We will be pleased to provide draft text and coordinate on any final statements for both content and security considerations. Please let me know when I can be of further assistance.

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